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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

For over three years the Department of Justice and the Microsoft Corporation have been pouring millions of dollars down the drain due to court costs. The antitrust suit that was filed against Microsoft has not only cost these two entities millions, but look at what happened to the market after the suit was launched. The suit has cost more than millions, just look at the recession that it has partially caused.

Although the suit should have never been initiated to begin with, I am relieved to see that a settlement has been reached. The settlement is the best thing that could have happened to the antitrust case, and it will benefit the economy. Microsoft's competitors can now produce and ship software that competes with Microsoft's, and will not have to worry about Microsoft trying to prevent that. They have agreed not to retaliate against competitors, which is a move that will boost competition and result in an overall better product. This will encourage people to hit the stores, which will push up the economy. Everyone wins.

I support this settlement, and urge you to implement as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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